

HOUSE RESOLUTION 228

By Shaw

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor the members of those outstanding service organizations who have committed themselves to the highest of ideals; and

WHEREAS, Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776; and

WHEREAS, Greek organizations have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is an outstanding example of the fraternity system at work; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1911 by three Howard University students, Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, and Edgar A. Love, and their advisor, Dr. Ernest E. Just, Omega Psi Phi has made a positive difference in the lives of many African-American young men; and

WHEREAS, its name derived from the Greek phrase meaning “friendship is essential to the soul”, Omega Psi Phi has adopted manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift as its cardinal principles; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has initiated more than 130,000 members and has over 550 chapters in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and Panama; and

WHEREAS, due to the high ideals and standards set forth by its founders, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity continues to flourish and produce fine, upstanding men; this is especially true of the Fraternity's Fifth District, whose ranks of 900 members in Kentucky and Tennessee contain a selection of the finest men of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi have made overwhelmingly positive contributions to society, both here in the State of Tennessee, and throughout the entire world; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor these fine gentlemen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, salute their commitment to excellence in all their endeavors, and wish them continued future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our special congratulations and recognition to the Brothers of District five of Omega Psi Phi, who will be holding their annual meeting in Jackson from April 1-4, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.